

JASPER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD MEETING
Public Meeting September 12, 2016

Board Member Del Cleck called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Rensselaer Branch of the Jasper County Library, Rensselaer, IN. Board Members present were; Del Cleck, Robert Cain, Jerry Furst, Janice Mallory DVM, Marisha Mathews, Loretta Sipkema. Animal Control Director Mark Sinclair, Shelter Staff; Viki Wyrobeck, and Tricia Curry. Public in attendance was Carolyn Parks.

The minutes of previous meeting were emailed. Loretta moved to accept the previous minutes. Jerry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHAIR PERSON AND VICE CHAIR PERSON

Del Nominated Robert Cain as new Chair, Loretta seconded. Passed unanimously. Robert Cain is now Chair. Loretta nominated Del as Vice Chair, Jerry seconded. Passed unanimously. Del Cleck is now Vice Chair. Also, Del nominated Janice Mallory DVM, as secretary. Loretta seconded. Passed unanimously, Janice Mallory DVM, is now secretary.

Mark gave the Director's report, and stated that the shelter took in 15 dogs and 21 cats. The shelter sent 10 dogs out of which 5 were owner reclaims, 22 cats left, 13 of those were adoptions. Adoptions year to date total is 83. 39 dogs and 44 cats. The shelter had 40 hours of volunteer work, which included; Computer work, Cleaning, Maintenance, and Animal Care. He stated that the other ACO Becky Weiner, is doing well and has had enough training to take calls on her own now. He made mention of a thorough cleaning that was done on the food shed, as there was an issue with bugs that was caught early enough not to have caused a problem.

Old Business

Mark stated that Pet Point has received the funding from the county and that we will hold a webinar training sessions to learn the new software program. The fencing project planning is going well. The corner posts will be placed at least two days before our volunteer day on the 24th of September. Jerry Furst offered to help with the posts and a discussion was had about preparing the area.

New Business

Mark mentioned that the Tractor Supply event is this Sat from 10-2, and that Tricia and Viki will be representing the shelter for this event. Robert stated that animals are allowed to attend these events from the shelter. As long as rules are followed for insurance purposes.

Robert said that he would like to see an animal temperament evaluation starting to be put into place at the shelter, and he is gathering information to share with the staff.

Mark went over the verification form for prepay spay and neuters that are required for adoptions. He explained that what is done at the shelter as far as following up to make sure that spay/neuter has been done after adoption. He stated that the adoption form wording needs to be corrected and that we have a log created for verification. Dr. Mallory said perhaps we could create a form for the adoptee to give to vet to sign as proof, and that the adoptee be responsible to mail proof back to shelter. This would alleviate the employee time for follow up verifications. Del asked to put this on Agenda for next meeting, as more research is needed in changing wording.

Mark asked Dr. Mallory her thoughts on FIV/Feleuk testing for adoption and rescue. Dr. Mallory stated that while the testing is costly, that yes it absolutely should be done before public adoptions. Del said we should ask a Rescue before they take the animal, in cases where they might test them as well. Del said that as long as we make sure that each animal adopted has been tested and vaccinated, and that all Rescues know correct information about each animal.

Mark talked about the importance of the public knowing that animal surrenders must provide proof of current Rabies vaccination. Dr. Mallory stated that it is extremely important that all animals be vaccinated for Rabies.

Loretta Sipkema stated that she is resigning her seat as a board member because she is not going to be able to continue attending meetings.

Citizen Comment Time

Carolyn Parks asked about a dog that is running around in the Fair Oaks Area. Mark stated that he is aware of the situation and that ACO time has been spent on this particular dog. Carolyn suggested different trapping ideas. Mark said that he will address this issue as it unfolds.

Announcements

Oct 10th is Columbus Day, and that is a County Holiday, so the next Meeting will be October 11th, which is a Tuesday at 6 p.m.

With all Business finished, Del moved to adjourn the Meeting, and Mark seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Submitted by Tricia Curry